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Josh Arenson

Richmond Town Manager

RE: Application for appointment to Town Center Rehabilitation Committee

Dear Josh,

I would like to express my interest in being appointed to the Town Center Rehabilitation Study Committee. As the Executive Director of Our Community Cares Camp, and a board member of Radiate Art Center, I represent two small non-profits that benefit from residence in the Town Center and we both have a vested interest in the future of the building. I would like to help to consider the future of the building.

There has already been a lot of time and money spent in making the Town Center building a center of the community. There are always challenges in re-using a historic building and there are many pros and cons to continuing to put tax money into the building. I think that the town needs to make some reasonable and well informed decisions before any major commitment is made to upgrade the town center, and any of the other town-owned buildings.

I do not have a pre-determined idea of what should be done to the town center or other buildings. I do think we need to clearly identify the pros and cons, and make this information available to the town residents.

The future of Radiate and OCCC are closely tied to the decisions made about the town center. I hope you will agree that someone should be on the committee to represent these interests, as the decision will impact their futures and they may need time to plan for any changes that might be necessary.

I believe that there are always alternatives and that it is important to look at a problem from many different perspectives. We should approach this challenge with open minds and the willingness to consider all reasonable alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration

Jano Thomas

Sincerely,

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